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~~AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2646, AS REPORTED~~  
~~OFFERED BY MRS. MORELLA OF MARYLAND~~

**AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_:** At the end of title IX, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ ENFORCEMENT OF THE HUMANE METHODS OF**  
2 **SLAUGHTER ACT OF 1958.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

4 (1) Public demand for passage of Public Law  
5 85-765 (7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.; commonly known as  
6 the “Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958”) was so great that when President Eisenhower was  
7 asked at a press conference if he would sign the bill,  
8 he replied, “If I went by mail, I’d think no one was  
9 interested in anything but humane slaughter”.

11 (2) The Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of  
12 1958 requires that animals be rendered insensible to  
13 pain when they are slaughtered.

14 (3) Scientific evidence indicates that treating  
15 animals humanely results in tangible economic benefits.  
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17 (4) The United States Animal Health Association  
18 passed a resolution at a meeting in October  
19 1998 to encourage strong enforcement of the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1958 and reiterated support for the resolution at a meeting in 2000.  
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1           (5) The Secretary of Agriculture is responsible  
2       for fully enforcing the Act, including monitoring  
3       compliance by the slaughtering industry.

4       (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
5       gress that the Secretary of Agriculture should fully en-  
6       force Public Law 85–765 (7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.; com-  
7       monly known as the “Humane Methods of Slaughter Act  
8       of 1958”) by ensuring that humane methods in the  
9       slaughter of livestock—

10           (1) prevent needless suffering;

11           (2) result in safer and better working condi-  
12       tions for persons engaged in the slaughtering indus-  
13       try;

14           (3) bring about improvement of products and  
15       economies in slaughtering operations; and

16           (4) produce other benefits for producers, proc-  
17       essors, and consumers that tend to expedite an or-  
18       derly flow of livestock and livestock products in  
19       interstate and foreign commerce.

20       (c) POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES.—It is the pol-  
21       icy of the United States that the slaughtering of livestock  
22       and the handling of livestock in connection with slaughter  
23       shall be carried out only by humane methods, as provided  
24       by Public Law 85–765 (7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.; commonly

1 known as the "Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of  
2 1958").

